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## Super's Report

Phil Hottmann  
Division Superintendent

As we get back to normal, what ever that means, we are looking forward to some of our regular events. In May we will be scheduling the Spring Banquet once again. This year it will be held at the American Legion in Verona on Friday May 6th. Also, we are planning the Summer Picnic at Little Amerricka in July.

Now with the Mad City Train Show and Sale behind us we are looking forward to next year's event. We are predicting a return of some of the vendors we lost due to Covid. We will be making adjustments to the ticket prices for next year. Thanks to the high volume of sales in the Company Store we have been able to nearly maintain our bank account balances.

It will be great to get back to all the regular activities this summer.

I think everyone enjoyed the clinics presented at last month's meeting. Peter Schierloh's clinic on the Nevada Northern Railroad Experience Week was really well done. I was not even aware of this railroad.

We have a number of volunteers that will be phasing out of their roles over the next few years. We will be looking for members to step up and fill these positions, so please give some consideration to filling these roles.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Banquet and Picnic. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Phil

### Next SCWD Meet

**VERONA SENIOR CENTER** (Map Page 8)

April 3, 2022 at 1:00 pm

### Next BOD Meeting:

April 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm

ZOOM Meeting



## Modeling Project

By Mike Vivion

By the time you read this, this year's modeling project may be over and the prizes awarded. Thanks in advance to all who signed up and completed the project for judging at our April 3rd meeting. For those who didn't finish their project, I still encourage you complete it and bring it to our May meeting for display. At this point in time, I don't know if I will be the chair for next year's modeling project, but I do invite you to give me ideas for next year's project. Thanks again for all your support and participation.

Mike



## Clinic Column

by Ken Hojnacki

I hope everyone enjoyed Peter Schierloh's program on the Nevada Northern Railway and their Railroad Reality Week. Having just experienced this wonderful railroad myself, Peter's program should give you a good reason to make the detour to Ely, Nevada to take yourself back in time for a day. And who would have thought building kits had walls of different sizes? MMR Clark Kooning's clinic on building DPM kits had lots of good information. If you missed it, you can find this clinic among the many others on the NMRA.org website.



With the SCWD annual meeting, election of the board of directors and voting on the completed model projects, we will have one clinic this month. TRAINS Magazine celebrated its 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary last year and coincidentally, the Nevada Northern completed its restoration of their 1917 Baldwin 2-8-0 #81. So, TRAINS held an 81 for 81 event to commemorate both occasions with a weekend of steam action. Keith Thomsen and I decided to make it a road trip by taking the California Zephyr to Sacramento and working our way back to Nevada, taking in as many railroad sites as we could. Keith and I will present Part 1 of our trip with visits to the California Railroad Museum including the NMRA exhibit and the Virginia & Truckee Railroad.

If there is time, Bob Wundrock has a mini-clinic on one of his intriguing model projects, too.

Ken

## Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Chair

We were not able to see Jerry Lawler's Layout last month, so we are rescheduling it for April. We will also be visiting Dave Down's layout. As you may remember Dave purchased Bill Ehler's layout which is being reconfigured into a new design. It will be interesting to see Dave's approach.

I'm starting to line up layouts for next season. If you would like to present your layout next season, please drop me a line.

Also, if you would like to take over as Layout Tour Chairman it would be great to get someone new at this activity.

We should also be thinking about a Fall Layout Tour again. We did this a number of years ago, which was a very nice opportunity to see layouts that we rarely get to see.

Phil



**Sign up for  
the fun  
SCWD events  
coming up:**

**Banquet      May 6th**  
**Picnic        July 16th**

*Sign up forms are on  
page 4 and 9*




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# Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

The March contest featured had pretty good participation. The theme was **Open Freight Cars**, meaning open hoppers, gondolas, flat cars, and a miscellaneous category for any car that didn't fit in one of the first three types. We were a little light on photos, but I would remind you that if you don't want to bring in a model, or can't, a photo is a real light-weight option that won't take a lot of room in your car. Especially those 1:1 items.

There is no popular vote contest in April as the model project contest will be taking center stage. We will be back again in **May** with our last popular vote contest of the season. The theme is **Passenger Cars**. The categories are:

- A. Coach
- B. Diner
- C. Sleeper
- D. Observation

## March contest results: Open Freight Cars

### Model Contest:

Cat. A. Open hopper cars

1st Dave Casey: GN gravel hopper



2nd Don Swinton: Nekoosa coal hopper

3rd Bob Stone: GN coal hopper

Cat. B. Gondolas

1st Phil Hottmann: G.O. & G RR flat



2nd Dave Casey: CMO with mesh rolls

3rd Don Swinton: Milw scrap metal load

Cat. C. Flat cars

1st Dave Casey: NP with scrap auto load



2nd Don Swinton: NW flat

3rd Don Swinton: DB&S flat

Cat. D. Miscellaneous (cars that do not fit in the first three categories)

1st Dave Casey: CNW mow ballast car



2nd Don Swinton: skeleton log car

### Photo Contest:

Cat. PC. Flat Cars (Prototype)

1st Jim Hayer-Hart: CN with utility poles

2nd Jim Thayer-Hart: CP with pipe load

3rd Jim Thayer-Hart: BN with steel load

Happy modeling!

Dave



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Thank you!



# It's banquet time!

**May 6<sup>th</sup> 2022**

To be held at the:  
**American Legion Hall**  
207 Legion Street  
Verona, WI 53593  
**Cocktails at 6pm**



Dinner will be served starting at 7pm — so don't be late.

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## **Reservations must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Cost of meal: SCWD/NMRA members, \$15.00

Non-NMRA attendees, \$25.00

Children 12 & under, \$5.00

Name:	Rail	Non-Rail	\$
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**Note:** If you are an NMRA member, your spouse, child over 12 or significant other is the same price as you.

Make sure you indicate rail or non-rail. If more than 4 then add to a separate piece of paper and send it along with your reservation

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Send your reservation to:  
Phil Hottmann  
1147 Willow Run  
Verona, WI 53593

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Checks should be made payable to the S.C.W.D.



# SCWD Electronic Red Book



A revision to the SCWD Electronic Red Book has begun! The first edition was sent to all members two years ago. I hope to have the second edition to the membership by September 2022.

The Electronic Red Book is a benefit of your NMRA/SCWD membership which means if you are not in good standing with the NMRA during the month of publication, **YOU WILL NOT BE INCLUDED** in the Electronic Red Book, nor will you receive one! So please keep your NMRA membership in good standing by renewing your NMRA membership if it is lapsed. This is your responsibility.

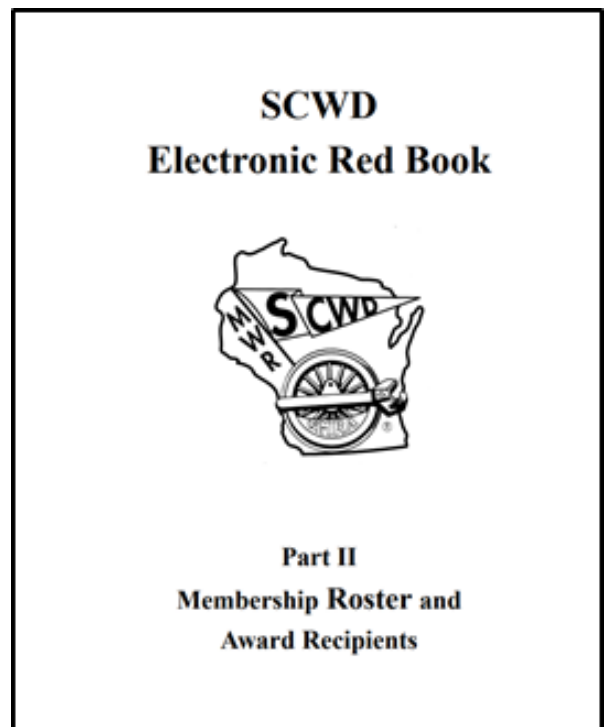
For those members that joined after the first edition, you should have received a “Welcome Email” from me which included an opt-in form for the Electronic Red Book, the Constitution and Bylaws, and the Electronic Red Book. If you did not return your opt-in form to me, I will be sending you an email with another form to opt-in. You must return the form to me to be placed in the Electronic Red Book.

All members in good standing with the NMRA will receive the Electronic Red Book whether you opt-in or not, it is benefit of your membership. So don't be left out, stay current on your NMRA dues and opt-in!

All members that were in the first edition do not need to do anything, unless your information has changed. If it has, please send me an email with the changes.

Thanks everyone, more information will be coming in future Bad Orders.

Kathy Clancy  
Publications Chair  
scwdkathy@aol.com





## The BOD candidates in alphabetical order:

### Dr. Bill Clancy



My passion for model railroading began in the 1950's as 12 year old building Strombecker wooden freight cars and built a very, very small railroad. As a competitive athlete through high school and college followed by medical school and orthopedic residency, I had no time to devote to it.

I left the U.S. Naval Academy as Head Team Physician to come to Madison in 1974 to be the U.W. Head Team Physician and orthopedist and started the U.W. Hospital Sports Medicine Clinic and program. Between clinics and team coverage, I had little time available but managed to build a small layout with the guidance of Pete Olson and Al Potts.

In 1989 I left for Birmingham, Alabama. With a little more time available, I built two large HO layouts. In 2010 at the request of the U.W., I returned as Head of Sports Medicine and Head Team Physician and retired five years ago which allowed me and my wife to go full steam ahead with my passion.

I first joined the NMRA and the SCWD in approximately 1978. In October of 2013, I started building a large HO layout which is now up and running.

I really enjoy the monthly SCWD meetings particularly the clinics but even more the wealth of knowledge and friendships of the members who graciously share their skills and knowledge which I sorely needed and will need more in the future.

Having been elected to the SCWD Board of Directors for the past four years, I have had the opportunity to become more active in our Division. It was a great eye opener to see how passionate and hardworking the board members were in trying to advance interest, provide more relevant information and make our monthly meetings more meaningful for our membership. I certainly would like to continue on the Board of Directors to help advance the vision of the Division.

### David Dingman



With retirement starting to become a light at the end of the tunnel and another weekend spent at the Mad City Model Railroad Show, I decided to join the NMRA and SCWD in the spring of 2016 to become more actively involved in model railroading again. I have participated in the Mad City Model Railroad Show as a volunteer for the last several years to become better acquainted with the members of the SCWD and also help support the division. I was recently honored by being asked about becoming a member of the SCWD Board of Directors.

My first memories of trains involve watching prototype trains maneuver around the Los Angeles area then riding on an ATSF passenger train to San Diego and back. I remember being thrilled to see a real operating steam locomotive and train up close at Disneyland when I was 7 years old. A short time later my father acquired a friend's model railroad layout (12' x 16') that had both O and HO scale track and trains running at the same time. That instilled a lifelong love of both model and prototype railroading. Interest in model railroading survived a very challenging test during the next forty plus years as college, multiple moves and work all limited participation to reading Model Railroader magazine and going to model railroad shows.

### David Down



Hello SCWD members. My name is Dave Down and I am running for re-election to our Division's Board of Directors. I have been interested in model railroading starting with my first train when I was 8 years old. I had a large American Flyer set which was big enough to run around both our living room and parlor. My father also introduced me to HO trains when I was 12 when he gave me a refrigerator car (which I still have). While I was in college my parents moved and had an auction, which was the last time I saw the American Flyer. After that time I was pretty much a closet model railroader until I approached retirement.

During the next 45 years I read magazines, acquired

some engines and cars, and started work on a couple different layouts. Work took me on the road and gave me too many chances to procrastinate, so when I approached retirement I set a goal of becoming a model railroader for real. I decided to become a member of the SCWD in the fall of 2015 with the goal of meeting and getting to know people who have already had success in the hobby, and to find which aspect of the hobby will give me the most satisfaction. As a result, I have acquired a model railroad layout based on the Soo Line (Bill Ehlert's Rugby Junction) and hope to have it ready soon for visits, virtual or in person, as the pandemic allows.

It seems obvious to me the SCWD can only be successful in building the hobby when it is effective in helping modelers develop their skills and expand their interests. And it also seems obvious to me the SCWD will only grow and achieve success when its members use their abilities and skills to make the SCWD relevant to its members. I am running for the Board of Directors in an effort to give back to the organization and the hobby. My goal is to encourage others to get involved and to make SCWD an attractive organization to current, new, and future members.

### **Phil Hottmann**

I have been a model railroader for 28 years. Most recently I have served on the SCWD B.O.D as Superintendent and have also been organizing our layout tours.



My focus in the hobby has been on highly detailed and weathered structures. I find this hobby to be extremely interesting and challenging. With recent developments in digital technologies, we have seen a new level of realism. This has also reduced the amount of effort required and has created a real boost to the hobby.

I have enjoyed attending the SCWD meetings and have often been amazed at all of the information provided by the members and for the members. I would like to see the division continue to grow and develop and serve on the Board for another term.

### **John Kosobucki**

As is often the story in model railroading, I was introduced to trains by my parents at Christmas time when I was 7 years old. The Lionel freight train set I received then is still operational, and occupies a 4 x 8 space in the basement along with a few accessories, scenery, and some upgrades. I was introduced to model railroad operations by the late Hank Brown when I was investigating a burglary to one of his properties, and he invited me to see his layout and become one of the regular operating crew. I



became an NMRA, and SCWD member in 1997.

We have some truly talented members of the SCWD, and I am utterly amazed at the detail and workmanship so many of them have accomplished on their layouts. I have been honored to operate on several of these layouts that belong to the best modelers I know.

Outside of the hobby, my professional life included 8 years as a journal clerk for the Wisconsin State Senate; 20 years as a deputy and sergeant for the Dane County Sheriff's Office; and 11 years as the site administrator for a national phone company that contracted with the Dane County Jail for inmate phone service.

As many of you have, I too have volunteered for many years at the SCWD Annual Train Show in Madison. It is great that so many of you have answered the call to make this annual event the success that it is. However, there is so much more that goes on behind the scenes for months and months leading up to this two-day event. Your SCWD BOD plays a significant role in making all of this happen.

I was honored when asked to throw my hat into the ring to run for a position on the SCWD Board of Directors. As the new guy, I know there will be a lot to learn, but I want to serve you, the members of the SCWD, and would be honored to have your vote.

### **Bill Mitchell**

I became a member of the National Model Railroad Association sometime around 1967 and a LIFE member of the NMRA in 1988.



I was appointed to the Board of Directors of the South Central Wisconsin Division in April 2020 to fill a vacancy on the board due to a resignation. I volunteered to take the position of Clerk. I was elected to the Board of Directors at the next annual membership meeting in the Spring of that year.

I enjoy being a member of the SCWD Board of Directors and would like to be re-elected for the 2022 - 2023 term. If elected, I would be like to continue in the position of Clerk.

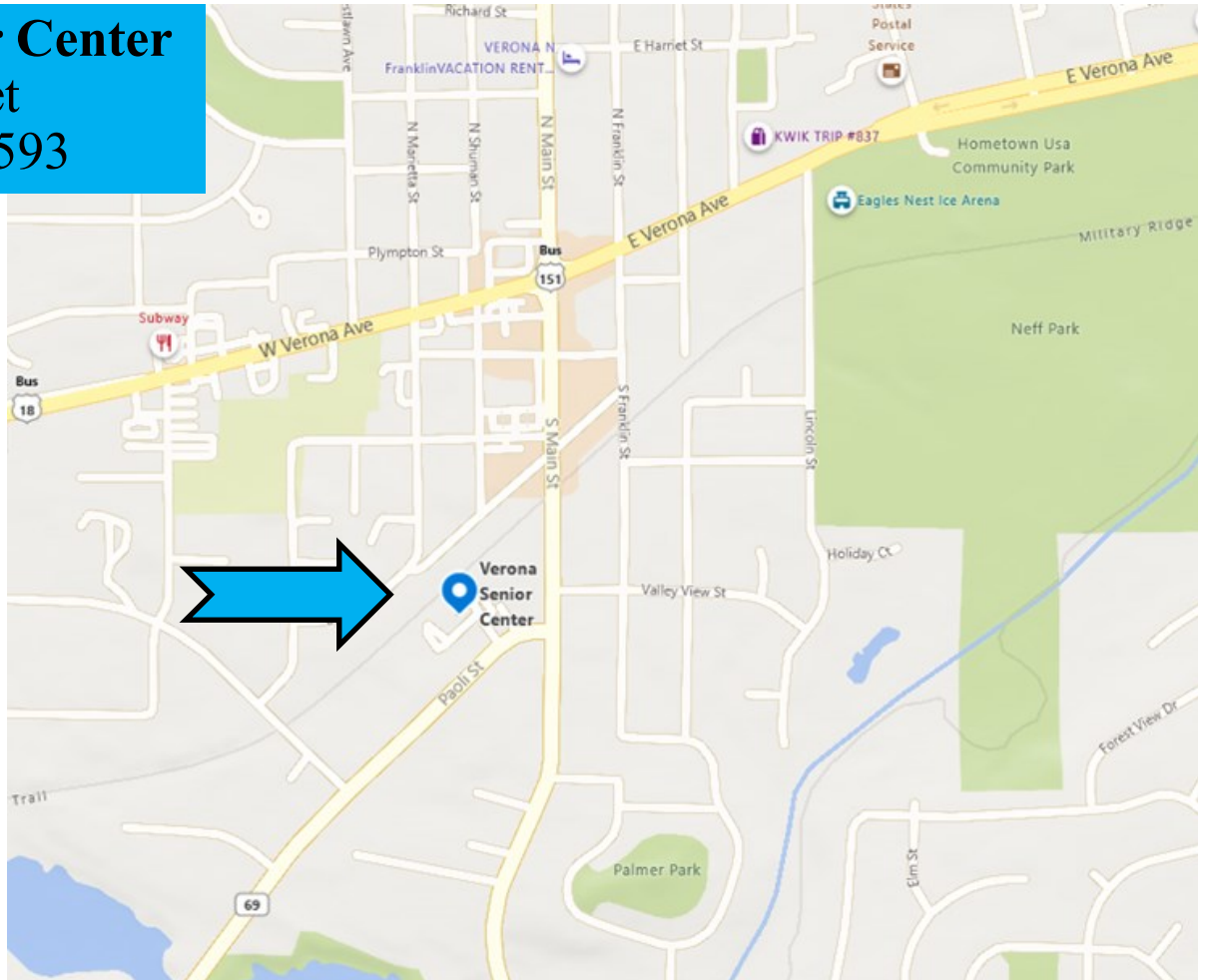
### **Steve Preston**

Thank you for letting me sit on the board these past few years. I have learned a lot, and have enjoyed being part of our organization. I will continue to do my part for us all.



Thank you for your support.

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# SCWD 2022 Annual Summer Picnic Saturday, July 16, 2022



For the past several years, except for 2020, the SCWD has held a catered picnic at Little Amerricka Park in Marshall on their “Whiskey River Railway Day”. The SCWD Board has agreed to do so again this summer on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Reservations have been made with the amusement park for use of their Blue Rose Pavilion and catering is being arranged. The park opens at noon and closes at 5 pm. Lunch will be served starting at 1 pm. As was done in 2019, the Board has decided to defray part of the catering cost by charging a \$5.00 fee for each attendee six years old and above. Five and under get the meal for free. Railway equipment can be viewed for free, but train and other rides require purchased tickets from the Park. SCWD members, their direct families and other Division invited guests can attend the picnic. To determine the food quantities for the caterer, you will have to sign up and pay by Saturday, July 2, 2022.

Little Amerricka is located on STH 19 on the east edge of Marshall. Parking directly at the Blue Rose Pavilion can be reached off Box Elder Rd. intersecting USH 19 just east of the Park’s regular entrance.



## SCWD 2022 Annual Picnic Sign-up and Payment Sheet

SCWD Member and Family Attendee(s) names:

Cost(each):

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Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print and fill out the form and send with payment  
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**John Haverberg, 4797 Delmara Rd, Middleton, WI 53562**

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## 2021-2022 SCWD Video Contest

Steve Lanphear

**Planning To Get Out Of Pandemic Jail This Summer And Do Some Railfanning Or Visit Some Layouts? You could enter some of your videos in this Contest!**

### SCWD 2021-22 Video Contest Guidelines

This year's SCWD video contest will be open for submitting entries on November 1, 2021.

Here are the things you need to know:

- There are two categories: **Prototype** and **Model**.
- The contest is open to those who attend the SCWD meetings.
- The person submitting an entry must be the one who took the video, however you may have help from others in editing your entry.
- The video can be from any time period (it doesn't have to be taken just to enter this contest).
- It has to be a **maximum** of 5 minutes in length, but can be any size less than that and the file has to be less than 2GB in size.
- All videos must be on a railroad or model railroad theme.
- The video can have title screen but not necessary, however there should be no names or identifiers on it (it is a "blind" contest).
- For the **Model Category**, the video can be of anyone's layout, not just your own.
- First, second and third place will be given for each category (no points given toward annual Photographer contest).
- **Deadline for Entries – March 1** (you will upload all entries to the website listed on the SCWD website, Video Contest webpage).
- You may enter more than once (max. of 5 entries per person).
- Voting starts **Mar 10** on the SCWD Video Contest webpage.
- Voting will be closed on end of day **April 15**.
- Winners will be announced at the May 2022 Meeting.

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## A Puzzle for You

You like trains, or train watching, but have you ever wanted to go to an OPS (Operating Session) and run trains on someone else's layout, but were afraid you wouldn't know what to do?



Model Railroad Operation is a fun and interesting role-playing game where the players (operators) use model trains to simulate the movements of the prototype railroad. Operators fill the roles of railroad employees like engineers, conductors, yardmasters, dispatchers, and more. Many of our SCWD members participate each month at multiple layouts to enjoy this fun and stimulating practice of critical thinking and problem solving in the context of railroad operations.

Now, there is a way for you to get your feet wet in this critical thinking and problem-solving railroad environment in the privacy of your own home through the use of railroad switching puzzles.

In July 2020, a group of SCWD members started a project to introduce more of our members to the enjoyment of railroad operations, or as our wives call it, playing trains. Some of us have been engaged in operating sessions for 20 years or more, and would like to get more of you involved.

The project involves getting one to solve a series of train switching puzzles (on paper, or your computer) in the least number of moves possible. You can then submit your solution to see if yours was done in the least number of moves.

**Beginners** can start with **3 introductory puzzles** to show the kinds of skills used in railroad switching operations. Then, you can advance to a series of more advanced puzzles written and based on actual SCWD member area layouts. Or, if you have already been to an OPS session, you could do an introductory puzzle, and jump right into the more challenging ones.

**Join the SCWD listserv now and begin learning what this is all about!**

Email Steve Lanphear at [scwdmemberlist@frontier.com](mailto:scwdmemberlist@frontier.com) to be added to the list and start receiving your puzzles now!

Happy Railroading!  
Steve



**Enjoy receiving interesting rail photos, model railroad tips, Operating puzzles, and challenging Mystery Photos??**

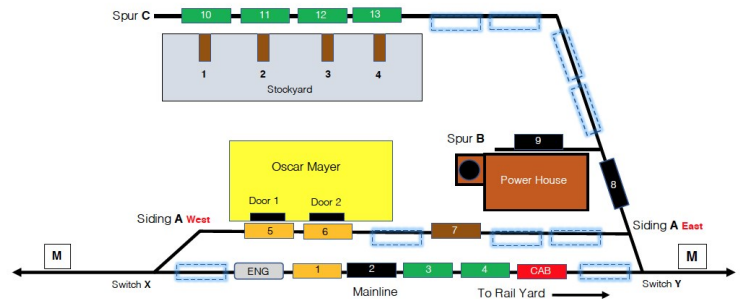
Join The 120+ SCWD members and members from other Midwest Regional Divisions who are participating in the SCWD listserv. You can expect 5 - 10 photos of railfan photos or model railroad photos or other items per week on average, as well as SCWD announcements, monthly Mystery Photo contests, Modelers Corner, and OPS Corner Puzzles. The listserv has been running this since April 2012, and it has been quite popular.

The listserv is a one-way email broadcast to you, not a social media type service. The emails are sent in bulk, but as a BCC: type email.

Please save this email so you know how to get a hold of me. So, if you would like to try out this FREE member service, just send me your **Name** and **email address**, and **City/State** to the address below. You may drop out at any time by sending an email stating such to the same address below.

Steve Lanphear  
SCWD listserv Coordinator  
[scwdmemberlist@frontier.com](mailto:scwdmemberlist@frontier.com)

## OPS Puzzles



OPS Puzzles have arrived! We now have a section on the SCWD Website that has all 11 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts and diagrams. You can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try.

[www.nmra-scwd.org/ops-puzzles.html](http://www.nmra-scwd.org/ops-puzzles.html)

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.



**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting  
7:00 pm, 14 February 2022  
via Zoom meeting**



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 pm by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever, Dr. Bill Clancy, Dave Down, Dave Dingman, Steve Preston, and Bill Mitchell were present. John Kosobucki was unable to attend.

***BOD Meetings:** Members of the SCWD are invited to join a Board of Directors meeting. Meeting dates are published in the **Bad Order**. Send a request to Phil Hottmann or another member of the SCWD Board for a ZOOM link to the upcoming meeting. The members' contact information is in the **REDBOOK**.*

### Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Down, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

### Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented the high points of the January Paymaster Report. Announcements of the February train show and sale have moved from postcards to email. The "On-Line" sale of show tickets has started. Table sales for the February Mad City Train Show and Sale are very near the budgeted income amount. Credit card transactions are showing up.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Dingman, to approve the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

**Achievement Program** - nothing to report.

**Advertising** - nothing to report.

**Bad Order** - Articles for the March **Bad Order** need to be submitted to Kathy, our Bad Order Editor, as soon as possible after the completion of the February Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale.

*Special Note 1: The email list comes directly from the NMRA membership list, so please keep your membership active and your email current with the NMRA. All SCWD members are requested to inform the NMRA when their email address changes.*

*Special Note 2: Kathy, our newsletter editor, is always in need of articles. Please submit articles as soon as possible to have them included in the next publication of the Bad Order to SCWDKATHY@AOL.com via email with attachments in a WORD formatted document.*

**Clinics** - Some possible clinics are being lined up for March. There will be no clinics presented at the April membership meeting due to the Modeling Contest and the Board of Directors election.

Ken Hojnacki and Dr. Bill Clancy have announced their resignation as Clinics Co-Chairs. These resignations will take affect after the May membership meeting. New Clinics Co-Chairs are needed. Ken Hojnacki and Dr. Bill Clancy have a list of resources that could be used to begin the Fall clinic schedule.

**Contests - Model and Photography** - Participation at the monthly membership meeting contests is steadily decreasing. Category ideas are needed for the 2022 - 2023 contests.

**Modeling Project** - nothing to report. The models will be judged at the April 3, 2022 membership meeting.

**Door Prizes** - Door prize winners need to pick up their Gift Certificates in a timely manner.

*(Reprint from the January 2022 minutes - "Beginning on March 1, 2022, all door prize gift certificates must be picked up from the HOBBY STOP in 3 months or the gift certificate will be forfeited.")*

**Layout Tours** - Layout tours for March are suspended. Layout tours will restart in April.

*Our SCWD organization is always looking for more people to host virtual or in-person layout tours. Please contact Phil Hottmann about the possibility of opening up your layout for a virtual or in-person tour. Phil's contact information is in the REDBOOK.*

**Membership** - The membership list is up to date.

**Reminder - The National Model Railroad Association dues will increase in April. Renew your membership before April to save on your membership fee.**

*The current SCWD membership list is sent to Steve Preston on a monthly basis. The email address of the SCWD members associated with the membership list is used for the Constant Contact electronic communications system. Each member is responsible for making sure that their email address is valid. If someone has problems renewing their NMRA-SCWD membership using the ON-LINE systems, please contact Steve Preston. His contact information is in the REDBOOK.*

**Picnic** - Planning for the picnic will begin after the February Model Railroad Show and Sale is completed. Phil will be contacting John Haverberg, Picnic Chairman, to start the planning process.

**Publicity** - nothing to report.

**Rail School** - Our next Rail School will be held in January 2023. An existing railroad switching layout may be rebuilt. The rail school materials in the storage facility will be re-organized on Friday, February 19, when the truck is loaded with the rail show items.

**Rail Show** - Our February Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale will take place on February 19 & 20 at the Exposition Center. The rail show set-up will begin with breakfast at Perkins near Todd Drive / Fish Hatchery Road at 6:30 am on Friday, February 18. Social media and regular publicity has started. "At the Door" credit card ticket sales will capture guest email addresses for use in advertising our 2023 show. Dane County Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

**Website** - [www.nmra-scwd.org](http://www.nmra-scwd.org) - The social media system is leveraging our website.

*The [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) website is UNDERUSED by its members. There is a direct link from our SCWD website to the National Model Railroad Association website. You will need to register your NMRA membership to view the "members only" information on the different pages of the NMRA website.*

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Banquet** - Planning for the Spring Banquet in May will begin after the February rail show.

**ZOOM Issue** - ZOOM issues were encountered at the February membership meeting that may have been caused by conflicting internal email addresses on the laptop computer controlling the ZOOM meeting. The issue is in the process of being resolved.

**Coffee Maker Issue** - The coffee maker that was supplied by an SCWD member did not work properly. A solution to the problem is being investigated.

**Involvement with Local Model Railroad Clubs** - Bob McGeever will begin establishing relationships with local model railroad clubs in our area at the February rail show. Not all members of these local clubs have are members of the National Model Railroad Association. The objective is encourage joint meetings and events with these clubs and our SCWD. This would include extending invitations to these local clubs to attend our monthly membership meetings as guests.

**Elections** - Elections will be held at the April SCWD membership meeting to fill the membership of our Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in a nomination to the Board of Directors please contact Bob McGeever. His contact information is in the **RED BOOK**.

**Youth Group** - The SCWD will begin looking at ways to re-start the SCWD Youth Group. A meeting location needs to be found, the necessary Parent / Guardian permission documents need to be created, and meeting attendance rules need to be written.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by McGeever, second by Preston, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

**Bill Mitchell - Clerk**



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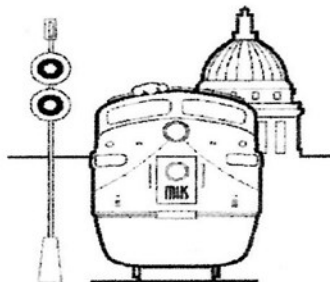
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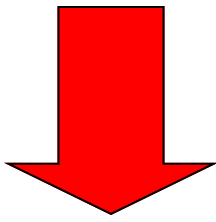
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